

## **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**On page 1, please delete the title of the invention, “Metal pigments comprising a cross-linkable binding agent coating, coating composition, method for the production of coated metal pigments and use thereof”, and replace it with the following title:**

Metallic pigments having a cross-linkable coating of binding agent, coating composition, process for the preparation of said coated metallic pigments, and use of said colored metallic pigments

**On page 1, after the title, insert:**

### **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 national phase conversion of PCT/EP2004/014663, filed December 23, 2004, which claims priority of German Application No. 103 61 437.0, filed December 23, 2003. The PCT International Application was published in the German language.

**On page 1, at line 5, before the paragraph beginning with, “The present invention relates to the provision of coated metallic...”, please insert:**

Technical Field

**On page 1, at line 9, before the paragraph beginning with, “Metallic pigments are widely used for the pigmentation of paints...”, please insert:**

Background of the Invention

**On page 4, at line 32, before the paragraph beginning with, “It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a metallic...”, please insert:**

Summary of the Invention

**On page 7, at line 7, before the paragraph beginning with, “Within the scope of the invention...”, please insert:**

Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a scanning electron microscope image of a coated metallic pigment as used in Example 1 of the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a scanning electron microscope image of a starting pigment as used in Comparative Example 6 of the invention.

**On page 7, at line 7 after the ‘Brief Description of Drawings’ and before the paragraph beginning with, “Within the scope of the invention...”, please insert:**

Detailed Description of Certain Embodiments of the Invention

**On page 25, at line 17, before the sentence, “The following examples and figures explain, but...”, please insert:**

Examples

**On page 32, at the top of the page before claim 1, please insert:**

What is claimed is:

**On page 40, please delete the heading, “Summary”, and replace it with:**

Abstract of the Disclosure

**On page 40, please amend the abstract as follows:**

The invention relates to Coated coated metallic pigments wherein the coating envelops the metallic pigments and comprises one or more than one cross-linkable oligomeric and/or polymeric bonding agent that can be cross-linked chemically and/or by heat, IR radiation, UV radiation, and/or electron radiation, wherein the coated metallic pigments are present as a powder having a mean particle size d50 of less than 190 µm, and are corrosion stable in a powder-based varnish after they have been cured. Also included is ~~The invention further relates to~~ a coating composition, ~~[[to]]~~ a process for the production of said coated metallic pigments and ~~[[to]]~~ the use thereof.